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SUBJECT: **UPDATE ON MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOSPITAL
REQUEST FOR SOLUTIONS PROCESS**

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Hammes Company, the consulting firm engaged by the County to identify potential operators for Martin Luther King, Jr. hospital, has forwarded their list of potential operators that responded to the Request for Solutions process that they recommend moving forward in the process of determining the best potential operator for the hospital.

Five (5) organizations submitted proposals during the RFS process. Based on a detailed review of submitted materials, Hammes is recommending that one provider move forward to the next step of the process, Pacific Hospital of Long Beach. Pacific Hospital operates a hospital in North Long Beach and meets the criteria that were established by the County to be considered in the next step. The other organizations were not able to satisfy all criteria.

In addition to this one organization identified through the RFS process, discussions are continuing with the three organizations that the Board of Supervisors identified as potential operators of MLK. We will be providing an update on the status of those discussions on Tuesday of next week.

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